



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(BMS Case No. ON0163NP; MBHB case no. 05-774)

In re Application of:)
Chiang et al.)
Serial No. 09/801,852)
Filed: March 8, 2001)
For: Direct Production of Desacetylcephalo-)
Sporin C)
Examiner: E. Slobodyansky
Group Art Unit: 1652
Confirmation No.: 6300

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 31, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 31, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal and Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee is attached. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a further fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490. In addition, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

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Remarks starts on page 5.